

ARTICLE X.

HOMESTEADS AND EXEMPTIONS.

SECTION 1 The personal property of any resident of this Exemption. State, to the value of five hundred dollars, to be selected by such resident, shall be, and is hereby exempted from sale under execution, or other final process of any Court, issued for the collection of any debt.

SEC. 2. Every homestead, and the dwellings and buildings Homestead. used therewith, not exceeding in value one thousand dollars, to be selected by the owner thereof, or in lien thereof, at the option of the owner, any lot in a city, town or village, with the dwelling and buildings used thereon, owned and occupied by any resident of this State, and not exceeding the value of one thousand dollars, shall be exempt from sale under execution, or other final process, obtained on any debt. But no property shall be exempt from sale for taxes, or for payment of obligations contracted for the purchase of said premises.

SEC. 3. The homestead, after the death of the owner Homestead exempted from debt. thereof, shall be exempt from the payment of any debt during the minority of his children, or any one of them.

SEC. 4. The provisions of sections one and two of this Laborer's lien. Article shall not be so construed as to prevent a laborer's lien for work done and performed for the person claiming such exemption, or a mechanic's lien for work done on the premises.

SEC. 5. If the owner of a homestead die, leaving a Benefit of widow. widow, but no children, the same shall be exempt from the debts of her husband, and the rents and profits thereof shall inure to her benefit during her widowhood, unless she be the owner of a homestead in her own right.

SEC. 6. The real and personal property of any female Property of a married female secured to her. in this State, acquired before marriage, and all property,